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SUBJ CONSTRUCTION OF GATE OPERATIONS BUILDING DAKAR

1. WMO HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH ASECNA OFFICIALS IN PARIS THAT FINAL PLANS FOR GATE OPERATIONS BUILDING DAKAR HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES. BECAUSE OF CURRENCY REVALUATION AND SOME CHANGES IN SPACE AND DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDING ASECNA HAS REPORTED AN OVERRUN OF ABOUT \$70,000 IN FINAL TOTAL COSTS. THEY HAVE PROPOSED TO THE GOS THAT THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS BE DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN ASECNA AND GOS AND THIS PROPOSAL IS NOW BEING REVIEWED. THE ASECNA REPORTING OFFICER ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE USED IN EXTERNAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SENEGALESE OR OTHER AUTHORITIES.

2. ASECNA REMINDED THE WMO SECRETARIAT THAT THE TIME REMAINING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING IS BECOMING DANGEROUSLY SHORT AND URGED ALL POSSIBLE SPEED IN GETTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SENEGALESE AND THE US SO THAT CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN WITHIN THE MONTH.

3. SINCE SENEGAL HAS REQUESTED THAT A WMO OFFICER BE AVAILABLE DURING FINAL NEGOTIATIONS OF US-SENEGAL AGREEMENT, INFORMATION ON THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED VISIT BY US TECHNICAL TEAM IS DESIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BASSIN

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